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VAX NOT NEEDED FOR KIDS BELOW 12: EXPERT

Virologist Dr Gagandeep Kang said there is not enough data to suggest jabs could help those in the 5-12 age group. Dr Kang, who teaches at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, said healthy individuals under 15 years should only get vaccinated once we know which vaccines will give them the broadest protection. But those with comorbidities must get vaccinated, she said. Her comments come as the Centre mulls expanding vaccine coverage to those below 15

CJ-led bench to hear hijab pleas

To be taken up at 2.30 pm today; women in several states stand in solidarity with K'taka girls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A full bench of Karnataka High Court, headed by Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, will hear the pleas on the hijab row at 2.30 pm on Thursday.

The full bench was constituted on Wednesday after the single-judge bench of Justice Krishna S Dixit, which was hearing the pleas earlier in the day, passed an order to place the matter before the CJ to consider constituting a larger bench. The three-judge bench will also include Justices Krishna S Dixit and JM Khazi.

"All these matters have given rise to certain Constitutional issues in the light of some aspects of personal law. Many judgments of three high courts have been cited and more than half a dozen judgments of the Apex Court have also been referred to. Regarding the importance of the questions that are debated, the court is of the considered opinion that the papers be put at the hands of the Chief Justice to consider if a larger bench can be constituted in the subject matter," Justice Dixit said.

Some students from Udupi district have filed petitions challenging the order passed by the State Government on February 5, prescribing uniforms for schools and colleges. The counsel for the petitioners urged the bench to pass an interim order. However, opposing any interim order, Advocate General Prabhuling K Navadagi requested the court to hear the matter and pass a final order.

In its objection filed to the petitions, the State Government contended that the petitioners do not have any enforceable right or special privilege to invoke the extraordinary jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution.

The petitioners, in the guise of their demand for wearing hijab, or any other dress code other than the one prescribed by the college administration, have unnecessarily knocked the doors of the high court, the government contended.

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Muslim women at a prayer meet in Hyderabad, as the hijab row in Karnataka snowballs, on Wednesday | **WIRAY MADAPU**

MINISTER SAYS NO RELIGIOUS SLOGANS ON CAMPUSES

Bengaluru: Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh said religious slogans like 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Allah-hu-Akbar' should never be encouraged on campuses of educational institutions. Further, he also said the government would not spare any miscreants, as no one can take the law into their own hands.

Uniform not must, says PU dept website, contradicts govt stand

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

AT a time when the hijab issue has spiralled across the state, with the government and college authorities insisting that it does not conform with the rules on uniforms, the Admission Guidelines-2021-22 posted on the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE) website not just states that the uniform is not mandatory, but also points out that some college principals and managements making uniform mandatory is a violation of rules. It also says that such matters will be considered seriously.

This is in stark contrast to the statements issued by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh that a uniform is mandatory and that the rule

even existed during the Congress regime. But, going by the DPUE website, the state did not have any rule until the government issued an order on February 5, mandating uniforms stipulated by the colleges.

A few months ago, a group of Muslim girls studying in the Government PU College in Udupi had sought permission to wear the hijab inside classrooms. This was one of the few colleges that had banned the hijab. When the college refused to accede to their demand, the girls, but were not allowed to enter classrooms. Soon, many colleges followed suit.

A few Deputy Directors of Pre University Education (DDPU) in the state, whom **TNIE** spoke to, were fully aware of these guidelines.

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Phase I polls today, UP holds the key to Rashtrapati Bhavan

SHAHID FARIDI @ New Delhi

THE seven-phase elections in India's most populous state — Uttar Pradesh — kicks off on Thursday. Voters of UP will not only choose the next government in Lucknow, but also play a decisive role in the election of the President of India scheduled for July this year.

The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has a clear edge over the Opposition as per their strength in Parliament and state assemblies. Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP has a three-fourth majority in the outgoing Assembly, contributes a big chunk of votes

for the party in the Presidential electoral college. The party, therefore, has to win the state comfortably to retain its advantage and get its man in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

A study of the electoral college reveals that the NDA has a total of a little over 1.5 lakh votes from all the states minus UP. The NDA's brute majority in UP Assembly contributes 65,000 to its kitty. This takes NDA's state vote tally to over 2.1 lakh votes. Add to this the Parliament votes (2.3 lakh in Lok Sabha and 75,000 in Rajya Sabha) and the total NDA votes go up to 5.2 lakh. This, along with the votes of Independents

in states and in Parliament help the NDA cross the majority mark. The total value of votes cast by all elected MPs and MLAs in Presidential election is 10,98,903 with 5,49,452 as the half-way mark.

The opposition United Progressive Alliance (UPA), led by Congress, has 2.3 lakh votes in states. This includes the Aam Aadmi Party which is not part of UPA but is likely to vote against the BJP candidate, and All India Trinamool Congress of Mamata Banerjee who had recently declared that there was no UPA. She too is likely to vote for the Opposition.

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EXPRESS READ

Family calls on bright boy to reject militancy

Srinagar: A youth from south Kashmir's Pulwama district, who had recently gone missing and is feared to have joined militancy, has scored 88% marks in the Class 12 exam, as per the results declared on Tuesday. Kalsar Ahmad Dar, 17, a resident of Tujin village went missing on February 4. In an emotional video, his family members pleaded with him to return. **P9**

RING ROAD KTKA TO CALL FOR PRR GLOBAL TENDERS

The State cabinet on Wednesday decided to hand over the ambitious Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) around Bengaluru to private parties for the execution under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model. The project had failed to take off due to lack of funds and hurdles in land acquisition | **P4**

JAB-O-METER	February 8	
	TAKE	48,63,548 doses
YOUR	February 9	
	SHOT	33,61,898 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 1,70,87,06,705		
NATIONWIDE		
	FEB 8	FEB 9
Fresh cases	67,597	71,365
Recoveries	1,80,456	1,72,211
Deaths	1,188	1,217
KARNATAKA		
	FEB 8	FEB 9
Fresh cases	4,452	5,339
Recoveries	19,067	16,749
Deaths	51	48

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ನೋಟ

ವರ್ಷವಾರು ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಿದ ಅನುದಾನದ ವಿವರ

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01	2013-14	153.50	78.97
02	2014-15	600.00	300.00
03	2015-16	1000.00	750.00
04	2016-17	1000.00	750.00
05	2017-18	1000.00	800.00
06	2018-19	1000.00	1000.00
07	2019-20	1500.00	1125.00
08	2020-21	1131.86	1031.86
09	2020-22	1492.97	1492.97

2013-14 ರಿಂದ 2021-22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನವರೆಗೆ ಕೈಗೊಂಡ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

ಮಂಡಳಿಯಿಂದ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:- 25469

ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:- 20697

ಪ್ರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:- 4772

ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಫೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅನುದಾನ:- 8878.33 ಕೋಟಿಗಳು

ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾದ ಅನುದಾನ:- 7328.79 ಕೋಟಿಗಳು

ಇಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಆಗಿರುವ ವೆಚ್ಚ: ರೂ 6480.68 ಕೋಟಿಗಳು

ಶ.ತ.ಅರ್.ಡಿ.ಎ. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ ಸಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರೇವಾರಿ ಇವರು ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿರವರಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿರುವುದು.

2020-21 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ರ ಸಂದಿಗೆ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯವು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸಿದ ರೂ 1131.86 ಕೋಟಿ ಎದುರಾಗಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕಂಪುಗಳ ಅನುದಾನವನ್ನು ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ (2021-22) ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸಿದ ರೂ 1492.97 ಕೋಟಿ ಎದುರಾಗಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕಂಪುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಅನುದಾನ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಈ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಾರತಮ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಅವಧಿಯು ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಪ್ರಸಂಗವಾಗಿ ಬರೆದಿರುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಹರಿಕಾರರು ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಭಾಗದ ಸರ್ವತೋಮುಖ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಸಾರ ಕಾಳಜಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ ರವರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ದತ್ತಾತ್ರೇಯ ಸಿ. ಪಾಟೀಲ ರೇವಾರಿ ರವರು ಗೌರವಪೂರ್ವಕವಾಗಿ ಅಭಿನಂದನೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.